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# SHSS DIALOGS

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK...



Happy New  
Academic Year!

2007 marks the 20th  
Anniversary of the  
Graduate School of  
Humanities and  
Social Sciences. I am  
very proud of our

programs that are passionately committed to student learning, social responsibility, cultural diversity, and reflective practice.

Understanding and betterment of human social relations are a central theme of our multidisciplinary, multi-professional, and multicultural endeavors.

Our vigorous curricula have deep interdisciplinary roots. In the course of addressing human challenges and social issues as an inclusive learning community, we are building a bridge between theory, practice and research from different social sciences, humanities and helping professions. Our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is exciting. It is focused on experiential learning and clinical training over the next five years.

To stay in close touch and learn more from you, I have an open-door policy.

My office hours are on Wednesdays between 4:30-6:00 pm.

I am also available for individual appointments on campus or on the phone (800-541-6682 ext. 3016 and email address at [yangh@nova.edu](mailto:yangh@nova.edu)). My office is located in Maltz 2025.

Looking forward to getting together with you at our open house, new student orientations, "Grab-a-Bite", residential institutes, clinical institutes, campus diversity dialogs, graduation celebration, and many other gatherings.

Dean Honggang Yang

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## FAMILY THERAPY FACULTY & ALUM CO-PRESENTED



Pat Cole and Shelley Green (far right), both Associate Professors of Family Therapy in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, recently delivered a presentation entitled, "Lessons of an Academic: The Passions and Pitfalls of Passing on the Torch" at the annual conference of the American Family Therapy Academy in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Their co-presenter was Muriel Singer, Ph.D., an alumnus of the Ph.D. program, and currently an Associate Professor of Family Therapy at Kean University in New Jersey. Singer also serves as Director of Master's Program in Behavioral Sciences: Psychological Services and Director of Marriage and Family Therapy Professional Diploma Program there.

## FACULTY HAPPENINGS...

**Tommie Boyd, Ph.D.**, Department of Family Therapy Chair, will be presenting at the 65th Annual AAMFT Conference in Long Beach, California. She will be co-presenting with Ilana Nativ on "Standing on the Sidelines: Watching a Family Member Die".

**Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.** was appointed as an Editorial Board Member of the Sage journal, *Qualitative Social Work* (<http://qsw.sagepub.com>). He has authored several articles and has presented on various topics such as "Values in qualitative and quantitative research". Dr. Chenail has various upcoming presentations including, "Developing scholarly MFT articles: Tricks of the trade". This workshop will be presented at the 65th Annual Conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Long Beach, CA.

**Pat Cole, Ph.D.** family therapy faculty member coauthored an article with Kit Johnson, Ph.D. which will appear in the September issue of *Family Business Review*, an academic journal. The article, *An Exploration of Successful Copreneurial Relationship Postdivorce*, describes Dr. Cole's and Dr. Johnson's results from their research study on couples who continue to run a business together after a separation or divorce.

**Mark Davidheiser** has been nominated as an appointed Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Fellows aid in developing and implementing the Society's plans and activities. Dr. Davidheiser is Guest Editor for the Sept., Oct. and Nov. 2007 *Anthropology News* special issues on conflict resolution, which will feature several members of DCAR. He is also Associate Editor of *Interpretive Anthropology*. Dr. Davidheiser has also authored several publications. The Africa Working Group on Peace and Conflict, which Dr. Davidheiser chairs, has been listed in a number of conflict resolution databases and continues to grow and gain institutional affiliates. The AWG Working Paper Series will begin publication soon.

**J. P. Linstroth, Ph.D.**, and several of his students have set up a group called "Culture and Conflict". They are working on creating a more open forum for dialog on issues of conflict and culture. Check out their website at [www.culture-conflict.org](http://www.culture-conflict.org). (Read more about Culture and Conflict on page 5)

## CALENDAR OF SA MEETINGS

October 13, 2007 @ 10am

November 10, 2007 @ 10am

December 8, 2007 @ 10am

**(ALL students invited to  
attend)**

## CALENDAR OF GRAB-A-BITES

Tuesday September 18th

4:30pm-6:00pm

Wednesday October 10th

4:30pm-6:00pm

Monday, November 5th

4:30pm-6:00pm

## AAMFT 65TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Pack your bags and catch a plane to Long Beach! The AAMFT is holding it's conference in Long Beach, California on October 11-14, 2007 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

One could say that family therapy is about healing fractured relationships, a task that is increasingly difficult given our context.

We live in a world of increasing cultural division where individuals and groups are pitted against one another. From extreme partisan politics to debates on war, immigration, and same-sex marriage, civil

discourse has become louder and angrier. It seems that many in our society are looking for division rather than unity, strife rather than peace, and insolence rather than mutual respect.

Do not be surprised if choosing just one session per time slot is difficult!

Networking opportunities abound, and you will find the best teaching and learning tools in their exhibit hall.

Enjoy the diversity of the music, people and

the food! With an average temperature of 74 degrees Fahrenheit and an average 345 days of sunshine per year, you may want to extend your stay!

### Source:

AMMFT

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Conflict Resolution Day is an international celebration held annually on the third Thursday in October.**

**The date for Conflict Resolution Day 2007 is October 18.**

## NEW SHSS FACULTY

As many of you recall, DCAR and DFT have been in the process of interviewing potential faculty. We are pleased to announce that decisions have been made and we have 3 new members to the SHSS Family.

**Dr. Sam Baroni**, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution & International Studies; **Dr. Elena Bastidas**, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution & Environmental Studies; and **Dr. Michele Rice**, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution & Community Relations.

On behalf of SHSS, Welcome to the Family.

## **FACULTY PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D.**

Chenail, R. J., St. George, S., & Wulff, D. (2007). Action research: The methodologies. In P. L. Munhall (Ed.), *Nursing research: A qualitative perspective* (4th ed., pp. 447-461). Boston: National League of Nursing Press.

Chenail, R. J., & Duffy, M. (2007). Locating qualitative research resources on-line. In P. L. Munhall (Ed.), *Nursing research: A qualitative perspective* (4th ed., pp. 569-576). Boston: National League of Nursing Press.

Chenail, R. J., St. George, S., Wulff, D., Duffy, D., Laughlin, M., Warner, K., & Sahni, T. (2007). Mentoring qualitative research authors globally: The Qualitative Report experience. *The Qualitative Report*, 12(1), 67-81.

Duffy, M., & Chenail, R. (2007). Values in qualitative and quantitative research. *Counseling and Values*, 51(3).

Nelson, T., Chenail, R. J., Alexander, J. F., Crane, D. R., Johnson, S. M., & Schwallie, L. (2007). The development of core competencies for the practice of marriage and family therapy. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 33(4).

Munhall, P., & Chenail, R. J. (2007). *Qualitative research proposals and reports: A guide* (3rd ed.). Boston: Jones and Bartlett.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. J.P. Linstroth and DCAR doctoral/masters students Patrick Hiller, Denese Edsall, Paloma Ayala Vela, Mamyrah Prosper and Alison Hall will present at the international conference *Ethnicity, Belonging, Biography, and Ethnography* in Goettingen, Germany (December 7-9, 2007). Together with former faculty member Dr. Julia Chaitin, they will present on the topic *Hyphens of belonging: ethnicity and community among Haitians and Cubans in the United States*.

Dr. J.P. Linstroth will present at the international conference *Ethnicity, Belonging, Biography, and Ethnography* in Goettingen, Germany (December 7-9, 2007). The topic will be: *Al Norte: cognition, memory, and identity among Guatemala/Maya living in South Florida*

## CULTURE AND CONFLICT

By: Paloma A. Vela

"If we as common citizens do not see it is because we decide not to see it. We simply cannot close our eyes and ears and pretend that nothing happens. All conscious citizens should use their right and power to demonstrate against what it is unjust and inhumane."

Paloma Ayala Vela, Masters student at the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at Nova Southeastern University developed a pilot project of collecting and visualizing data on global social protest.

She created two issues of STOP.

The issues can be downloaded from the website of DCAR's Culture and Conflict Group at <http://www.culture-conflict.org>.

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## UPCOMING STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

The Culture and Conflict Working Group meetings will be held once or twice a term to discuss issues and organize conferences. The idea is to provide a forum for graduate students to be able to debate and discuss important issues in relation to culture and conflict. Possible topics to explore are: Social Movements and Minority Rights, Ethno-nationalist Movements, Issues of Protracted Conflict, Immigration and Identity, etc. Possible areas to discuss are: Palestinian/Israeli conflict, Basque conflict, Zapatista movement, the Balkans, Fijian conflict and Sri Lanka etc.

All students and faculty members who are interested in participating are encouraged to sign up to the listserve ([CULTURECONFLICT@list.nova.edu](mailto:CULTURECONFLICT@list.nova.edu)) and visit the webpage at <http://www.culture-conflict.org>. For further information please contact Dr. Linstroth at [linstrot@nova.edu](mailto:linstrot@nova.edu) or Patrick Hiller at [philler@nova.edu](mailto:philler@nova.edu).

Dr. J.P. Linstroth has started the Latin American and Caribbean Forum (LACF). The organization is supervised by Dr. John P. Linstroth and run by graduate students. Graduate students and faculty members will present papers on a variety of topics in relation to issues and problems associated with Latin America and the Caribbean. Possible topics to explore are: indigenous issues of acculturation and assimilation; poverty in Latin America; violence in the Caribbean; government and indigenous relations in Brazil; indigenous movements in Latin America; ethnicity and belonging among Latin American and Caribbean populations in South Florida (especially, Cubans, Guatemala/Maya, and Haitians), and so on.

All students and faculty members who are interested in participating are encouraged to sign up to the listserve ([LACF@list.nova.edu](mailto:LACF@list.nova.edu)) and visit the webpage at <http://www.lacforum.org>. For further information please contact Dr. Linstroth at [linstrot@nova.edu](mailto:linstrot@nova.edu) or Patrick Hiller at [philler@nova.edu](mailto:philler@nova.edu).

## MEET YOUR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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and working together on projects.

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## COLEEN STEEL'S NOBLE ACT

One of our very own, Coleen Steel, has saved one of her student's lives by donating a kidney.

Coleen is one of our MACS student. Her selfless act should serve an example to us all.

This story is truly amazing.

View a news coverage on Coleen's noble act.

<http://www.kmov.com/video/topvideo-index.html?nvid=165400>

*Thanks to Erica Guterman for bringing this remarkable story to my attention.*



## DR. ESSIS DANCES WITH HANK BAILEY



DCAR Interim Chair Essoh Jean Mathieu Essis dances with Hank Bailey of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians during the Traverse City Cherry Festival on July 10, 2007.



**Photo Credits:** "Grand Traverse Band News, Dave Spinniken, Editor, George Antoine, Apprentice."





**NSU's Radio X, 88.5 FM was voted the Best Non-Commercial Radio Station in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Congratulations!!**

### **Tune into Radio X...**

On Tuesday September 25th at 7pm: Join Camille as she talks with Debra Nixon about "The Movement."

On Tuesday October 9th at 7pm: Join Camille as she talks with Dr. Essis about the DCAR Program.

On Tuesday Oct 30th at 7pm: Join Camille as she talks to Judith McKay regarding the MACS Program.

**Note:** Program dates are subject to change please check website.  
[www.nova.edu/radiox](http://www.nova.edu/radiox)

## **THE NSU STUDENT PEACE ALLIANCE**

The NSU Student Peace Alliance will join student groups throughout the nation to promote peace and prevent violence. The group will raise awareness about and lobby for HR 808, the bill that advocates for the creation of a U.S. Department of Peace which will utilize best practices in the field of conflict resolution and violent prevention. The team will also work together to develop ways to promote peace within our community in areas.

For more information, visit <http://www.thepeacealliance.org/content/section/17/187/>

If you are interested in being a part of this organization, please contact Terry Morrow at [veggietam1@yahoo.com](mailto:veggietam1@yahoo.com).

## ALL EYES ON...

**Stanley Zamor** is a Ph.D candidate in the Dispute Conflict & Analysis Resolution (DCAR) program.

He is a member of the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce and has been named Chairman of the Young Professionals Network for the organization bridging young professionals with mentors and creating awareness in the business community of talented young professionals.

He continues to be an Arbitrator for the National Association of Security Dealers. He is also a Panel Member of the Miami-Dade Foster Care Citizen Review Panel.

In 2006, he was named one of the 40-under-40 for Success Magazine, that is,. Stanley is also lecturing for Legal Professional Organization on Electronic Discovery.

We applaud Stanley and his endeavors.

## STARBUCKS AT NSU...YIPPEE!



This week NSU opened its very own Starbucks store located in the University Center just west of the Rosenthal main entrance. The store has a full complement of Starbuck drinks both hot and cold. Stop by and say hello to the friendly staff and have one of your favorite Starbucks drinks or pastries in the university's beautiful new store.

**Fall and Spring Hours are as follows:**

Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT: LEISA MORRIL-WINTZ, M.S.

Leisa Morril-Wintz graduated from our Master's in Family Therapy program in May 2006; and is now in her last year at our very own Shepard Broad Law School . She is currently in the top 6% of her graduating class.

She is currently the Director of Parenting and Juvenile Programs for 5th Street Counseling Center located in Plantation and Pompano Beach, FL.

She belongs to the National Lawyers Guild which takes on pro bono and humanitarian issues and provides legal assistance.

She is going to work for Legal Aid in the Family Law Division in the Fall. She will be on with them full time in January, while maintaining her position with 5th Street Counseling Center.

Leisa currently facilitates some family mediation and also sees private clients.

She hopes to eventually have her own practice where she can incorporate both degrees and areas, such as, mediation, counseling, legal assistance, as well as consultation work with agencies in the areas of ethics and legal dilemmas in the mental health field.

Leisa has excelled in both the Family Therapy and the legal field.

We are proud to highlight her achievements and wish her continued success.

GO LEISA!!!

## CLUSTER SITES SHOWING SOME LOVE...

Reported by: Kathy Korbelt

“Jacksonville campus is busy. Every student is now working at Practicum sites-some of which are new for Nova. They are at drug treatment facilities, abused women's shelters, children's homes and Catholic Charities.”

The Jacksonville program can only grow from here!

## Inspirational Aphorisms

**By: Carol E. Marsh, Ph.D. Candidate in Marriage & Family Therapy**

Arriving in the U.S a year ago so far away from all I know,  
From all I love and hold so dear and never imagined I would last a year.  
Reflecting back on what's been good, the British Depot in my neighborhood!  
Typhoo tea and Devon custard, Branston Pickle and Coleman's mustard, mmmm.....!  
And when I really feel alone, I dial the numbers and call home.  
Some friendships too help keep me going, with genuine words and thoughts of knowing,  
How things for me must really be so difficult, but now they see.  
Oh! And I do calligraphy.  
I keep the light shining so bright, with positive thoughts and all that's right.  
And the only other thing I need? These Inspirational quotes I read:

"The only thing that stands between a person and what they want is the will to try it, and the Faith to believe it's possible."

"Being alone is not the same as being lonely. Learn to enjoy your own company and you have made a faithful companion for life."

"Multitudes of people have failed to live for the present. They have spent their lives reaching for the future. What they have had within their grasp today they have missed entirely because only the future has intrigued them. And before they knew it, future became the past. Have a great now!"

"Your future lies in your ability to dream, for what you dream you can create and what you create you can become."

"When you are tired and worn out, close your eyes and flood yourself with stillness. This is the Spiritual water of renewal."

**These inspirational aphorisms are from an array of different sources.**

## STUDENT MEDIATION SERVICES BEGINS IT'S 4TH YEAR

Started by Department of Conflict Analysis students, NSU Student Mediation Services is beginning its fourth year as a campus resource for NSU students to learn about conflict and its resolution as well as utilize resolution process for solving their existing conflicts.

Whether it's a roommate disagreement, relationship conflict, club or organization dispute or argument with a fellow student, Student Mediation Services offers a variety of free services designed to assist and educate NSU students in their resolution of conflicts. Services include One-on-One Conflict Coaching, Mediation, Restorative Justice as well as presentations and trainings.

The service is sponsored and located in the NSU Division of Student Affairs and supported with a volunteer staff of trained graduate student from the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Along with serving the needs of university students, Student Mediation Services serves DCAR students as a practice site for developing and enhancing their skills and for earning practicum hours. During the past three years the program utilized over 40 DCAR students as volunteer co-mediators and conflict coaches, facilitating over 100 mediations and 50 conflict coaching sessions.

One-on-One Conflict Coaching offers an individualized and confidential service to students interested in resolving an existing conflict or to develop their understanding of conflict and the various skills and strategies for conflict resolution. Coaching is intended to provide the knowledge and support necessary to understand past conflict behaviors and explore more effective approaches. Each session is designed to fit the needs of the student seeking assistance.

The Mediation program provides a safe and confidential process for students in an existing conflict to work through their issues and arrive at a mutually satisfying agreement. Mediation assists student disputants with communicating issues, determining interests, generating options and developing an agreeable outcome to a conflict that supports and enhances disputant's relationship.

Additional information is available at <http://www.nova.edu/studentmediation/> or contact us directly at [studentmediation@nova.edu](mailto:studentmediation@nova.edu) or 954-262-7196.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### **2nd Annual Shark Shuffle 5k Run & Fitness Walk**

Sunday, September 23rd, 2007

7:30 a.m. Start Time

Roads close at 7:15, so park early!

<http://www.rec.nova.edu/sharkshuffle.html>

### **A Day for Children**

Sunday, September 16, 2007

12 p.m. - 4 p.m

This fun-filled day focuses on FREE health care (including hearing, balance, vision, dental health, and medical screenings), social services and other resources to meet the behavioral needs of Broward County's children (from birth to 15 years).

[http://www.nova.edu/cwis/pubaffairs/news/july-sept2007/day\\_for\\_children.html](http://www.nova.edu/cwis/pubaffairs/news/july-sept2007/day_for_children.html)

### **MSI, Moran Outreach Offer Free Tips, Techniques to Effective Parenting**

The Moran Outreach Initiative and the Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies of Nova Southeastern University proudly present a free monthly parenting workshop at the Hallandale Beach Branch of the Broward County Public Library

#### Tuesday, Sept. 25 Bringing Literacy Into Your Home

Learn the importance of reading to your children from their infancy.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 30 - Helping Your Child Learn To Read and Write

Learn activities and strategies to help your children learn to read.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 20 - Helping Your Child Learn Math

Learn activities and strategies to help your children learn math

#### Tuesday, Dec. 18 - Encouraging Positive Behavior in Children

This workshop will teach parents techniques to help develop their children into positive individuals

[http://www.nova.edu/cwis/pubaffairs/news/july-sept2007/moran\\_outreach.html](http://www.nova.edu/cwis/pubaffairs/news/july-sept2007/moran_outreach.html)





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**Raquel C. Escudero**  
**Editor-In-Chief**

Raquel is a 2nd year Family and Marriage Therapy Master's Student and Secretary for the Student Association. She is also a Graduate Assistant for the Enrollment & Marketing Department for the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Raquel is most likely to be seen around campus on a daily basis. Feel free to share ideas and/or suggestions for SHSS Dialogs with her.

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## **VOTE FOR FACULTY, STUDENT AND ALUMNI TO HIGHLIGHT**

Do you want to nominate your favorite professor to be highlighted? Or maybe you want to acknowledge a fellow classmates endeavors? Perhaps you know a graduate of SHSS that is excelling in their field?

Whatever the case may be, they deserve to be acknowledged through the SHSS DIALOGS.

It's easy!! All you have to do is email your nominations to RAQUEL at [vraquel@nova.edu](mailto:vraquel@nova.edu).

Whoever has the most votes by the deadline will be "highlighted" in SHSS DIALOGS.

Let your professors, classmates and colleagues know how proud you are of the achievements by nominating them.

We look forward to receiving all nominations!